

Dear SIC Members and Supporters:

This issue of *SIC Clips & Quips* (Volume 4, Issue 2) is sent to call attention to some key upcoming dates of special interest to School Improvement Councils.

SIC Elections and Member Reporting for 2011-12 – All SICs should have conducted their membership elections by the statutory deadline of **October 15th**. Please remember that the statutory deadline for reporting local SIC membership information to the SC-SIC office is **November 15th**. Member Network users should be entering their SIC's information into the Member Network at this time. If they have not already done so, account users will have to update their log-in and password information for the current school year. Directions for this are available on the SC-SIC Member Network site accessible through sic.sc.gov, or by contacting SC-SIC Public Information Director Claudia Wolverton by email at wolverto@mailbox.sc.edu. Also, if your school is a new or re-organized school not listed in the SC-SIC Member Network, email Ms. Wolverton to assist you in getting your SIC established in the database.

Apply for the 2012 SC-SIC Riley Award – Level One applications for the annual SC-SIC Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence are due to the SC-SIC office no later than **Friday, November 18th**. This award is presented each year to an SIC which has demonstrated outstanding achievement and civic engagement on behalf of its school. In Level One of the award process, SICs tell the story of their accomplishments in the previous school year through a Case Statement and supporting materials. Up to 20 of the Honor Roll SICs will be chosen by the SC-SIC Board of Trustees as semi-finalists to compete in Level Two, which provides additional evidence that an SIC is functioning in compliance with state law and SC-SIC guidelines. Five semi-finalists will be selected by the Board for the Winners Level, from which an independent panel of judges will name the Riley Award winning SIC. The remaining finalists will receive Honorable Mention awards. Pertinent information about the Riley Award application process, requirements, deadlines, and other details can be found on the SC-SIC website, <http://sic.sc.gov>. Many fine things are happening in our schools and effective (and potentially award-winning) SICs are a driving force behind a good number of them. The Riley Award is a great way to honor their hard work and the value they bring to our schools, so apply for the award by **Friday, November 18th**!

Have You Uploaded Your 2011 SIC Report to the Parents? – All SICs statewide should have issued their annual *SIC Reports to the Parents* for 2010-11 by last **April 30th** as required by South Carolina statute. In addition to producing hard copies of these *Reports* for the school community, SC-SIC asks all local Councils to post an electronic version of their *Reports* on their school websites. This year, SICs were asked to submit (by **June 1st**) electronic copies of their *Reports* directly to the SC-SIC office via a new online upload tool on the SC-SIC Member Network. SIC Chairs and principals are asked to check the Member Network to see if their *Reports* have been posted online. If not, they're asked to accomplish this as soon as possible. Have questions or need assistance? Contact Claudia Wolverton at wolverto@mailbox.sc.edu.

Remember, *SIC Clips & Quips* is sent to all SIC members and supporters who share their email addresses with us. Please feel free to print out and share this information with fellow SIC members who may not have received it. We are here to help you, so please contact us any time!

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